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FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT - PRESS REMARKS

LAST FRIDAY, JULY 14, THE AMBASSADORS OF SYRIA AND EGYPT BOTH FORMALLY REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF PRESS REPORTS THAT SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO HAD REAFFIRMED THE VALIDITY OF THE JOINT AMERICAN-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE OF OCTOBER 1, 1977.

2. IN READING THROUGH THE MISSION'S CABLED REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY'S PRESS REMARKS, WE NOTE THAT IN GENEVA 10793 COVERING THE END OF THE TALKS ON THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1978, THERE WAS THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE: QUOTE QUESTION: IS UNCLASSIFIED

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THE OCTOBER 1 COMMUNIQUE STILL STANDING?

MR. GROMYKO: WHOM ARE YOU ASKING?

QUESTIONER: YOU.

MR. GROMYKO: FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THAT STATEMENT IS STILL VALID AND I GUESS THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL GIVE HIS ANSWER FOR THE UNITED STATES.

MR. VANCE: YES, FROM OUR STANDPOINT IT IS STILL VALID.

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3. A REPORT OF THIS EXCHANGE APPEARED BRIEFLY IN THE FRIDAY ISSUE OF THE TRIBUNE DE GENEVE AND POSSIBLY OTHER LOCAL PAPERS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE THE MISSION WITH RESPECT TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS STATEMENT AND HOW WE SHOULD INTERPRET IT TO THOSE WHO HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT IT.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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